

technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

**ADDRESSES:** Anderson Glasgow, U.S. Department of Labor, Human Resource Services Center, 200 Constitution Ave. N.W. Room C-5516, Washington, D.C. 20210; Phone: (202) 219-6555 ext. 115; Written comments limited to 10 pages or fewer may also be transmitted by facsimile to: (202) 219-5820; Internet: glasgow-william@dol.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background**

The Department of Labor, as part of its obligation to provide equal employment opportunities, is charged with ensuring that qualified individuals in groups that are underrepresented in various occupations, are included in applicant pools for the Department's positions. See 5 U.S.C. 7201(c); 29 U.S.C. 791; 29 U.S.C. 2000e-16; 5 C.F.R. 720.204; 29 C.F.R. 1614.101(a). to achieve this goal, DOL employment offices have conducted targeted outreach to a variety of sources, including educational institutions, professional organizations, newspapers and magazines. DOL has also participated in career fairs and conferences that reach high concentrations of Hispanics, African Americans, Native Americans, Asians, and persons with disabilities.

Without the data provided by this collection, DOL does not have the ability to evaluate the effectiveness of any of these targeted recruiting strategies because collection of racial and national origin information only occurs at the point of hiring. DOL needs to collect data on the pools of applicants which result from the various targeted recruitment strategies listed above. After the certification and selection process has been completed, it is necessary to cross-reference the data collected with the outcome of the qualifications review in order to evaluate the quality of applicants from various recruitment sources. With the information from this collection, DOL can adjust and redirect its targeted recruitment to achieve the best result. DOL will also be able to respond to requests for information received from the Office of Personnel management (OPM) in the course of OPM's evaluation and oversight activities.

**II. Current Actions**

This notice requests an extension of the current Office of Management and Budget approval of the Applicant Background Questionnaire and revision of the Questionnaire form. Extension is

necessary to continue to evaluate the effectiveness of agency recruitment programs in attracting applicants from underrepresented sectors of the population. The revision consists of adding a question concerning whether the respondent has a targeted disabilities, and deleting the request for the respondent to provide his or her Social Security Number.

*Type of Review:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Agency:* U.S. Department of Labor.

*Title:* Applicant Background Questionnaire.

*OMB Number:* 1225-0072.

*Affected Public:* Applicants for positions recruited in the Department of Labor.

*Total Respondents:* 3000 per year (estimate).

*Frequency:* one time per respondent.

*Total Responses:* 3000 per year (estimate).

*Average Time per Response:* 5 minutes.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 250 hours.

*Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):* \$0.

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining):* \$0.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Date: November 25, 1998.

**Tali R. Stepp,**

*Director of Human Resources.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

**Office of the Secretary**

**Delegation of Secretary of Labor's Authority and Assignment of Responsibilities Under Certain Sections of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 1993 and 1998 to the Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training**

On November 12th, 1998, the Secretary of Labor issued a memorandum to the Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training delegating all authority and assigning all responsibilities of the Secretary of Labor under the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1993, Pub. L. 102-484, § 3161, 42 U.S.C. 7274h, and the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1998, Pub. L. 105-85, § 3153(e), 111 Stat. 1629,

2043 (1997) to the Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training. A copy of that memorandum is annexed hereto as and Appendix.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Douglas Holl, U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, at (202) 219-5577, ext. 115.

Signed in Washington, DC this 12th day of November, 1998.

**Alexis M. Herman,**

*Secretary of Labor.*

**U.S. Department of Labor**

*Secretary of Labor, Washington, D.C.*

November 12, 1998.

Memorandum for: Raymond Bramucci, Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training

From: Alexis M. Herman

Subject: Specific Delegation of Authority to the Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training

Effective immediately, the Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training is hereby delegated all authority and assigned all responsibilities of the Secretary of Labor under the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1993, Pub. L. 102-484, § 3161, 42 U.S.C. 7274h, and the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1998, Pub. L. 105-85, § 3153 (e), 111 Stat. 1629, 2043 (1997). This authority and responsibility may be redelegated.

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**NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION**

**Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress; Meeting**

**AGENCY:** National Archives and Records Administration

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) announces a meeting of the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress. The committee advises NARA on the full range of programs, policies, and plans for the Center for Legislative Archives in the Office of Records Services.

**DATES:** December 17, 1998, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** United States Capitol Building, Room H-130.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael L. Gillette, Director, Center for Legislative Archives, (202) 501-5350.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Agenda**

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